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Dr.STONE
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ART BY BOICHI





BOICHI

I went to New York. It's hard to express the various intense emotions I experienced there, but I did get the chance to discuss the manga industry with the professionals trying to spread manga outside of Japan.

Five years ago, I saw a news report about a South American cosplay event where about 400 fans showed up. There is no manga industry in their country, but they still had events like this. That got me thinking. Surely, there must be at least 400 people there who want to become manga artists. Something about that got to me—the thought that people might not have a viable way to achieve their dreams. If I were to turn my back on these potential creators, could I really call myself an ardent supporter of the industry? When I went to New York and had all those talks, I was doing it for those people. For anyone out there who's working hard to become a manga artist, I have nothing but love for you.

RIICHIRO INAGAKI

I went to an anime convention in New York! I got to participate on panels where I blabbed about behind-the-scenes production stuff. The whole experience was really moving and exciting.

The photo above shows a giant *Dr. Stone* banner that was hung right over the entrance, like BAM! Even overseas, lots of people are watching the anime.

I also got to meet lots of Senku, Kohaku and Suika cosplayers!

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MEDUSA'S TRUE FACE

STORY

Every human on earth is turned to stone by a mysterious phenomenon, including high school student Taiju. Nearly 3,700 years later, Taiju awakens and finds his friend Senku, who revived a bit earlier. Together, they vow to restore civilization, but Tsukasa, once considered the strongest high schooler alive, nearly kills Senku in order to put a stop to his scientific plans.

After being secretly revived by his friends, Senku arrives at Ishigami Village. But when word of Senku's survival gets back to Tsukasa, the war between the two forces begins! Eventually, the two factions make peace, but the traitorous Hyoga skewers Tsukasa. Senku cryogenically freezes Tsukasa's body.

Seeking to unravel the mystery of the petrification phenomenon, Senku and friends arrive on the so-called "Treasure Island." But while Senku is out leading an expedition, those who remained on the ship are petrified by a mysterious weapon! Hoping to save his friends and strike back against the Petrification Kingdom, Senku sends Kohaku, Amaryllis and Ginro to infiltrate the master's harem.



CHARACTERS



An experienced, agile warrior who's as strong as any man. She's quite possibly the strongest person in the village.

A clever and honest guy with more curiosity than he knows what to do with. Now that Senku's opened his eyes to science, he's ready to go as far as that path takes him.

A young man with prodigious knowledge and a passion for science. He's now leading his Kingdom of Science. His catchphrase is "Get excited!"

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MEDUSA'S TRUE FACE

Z=116: Miracle in Hand




...THE FLUID...
...FROM THE MIRACLE CAVE!
NITRIC ACID!!


IF I'M BEING COMPLETELY HONEST...
...I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE WHAT THIS NITRIC ACID WAS ALL ABOUT.
BUT I GET IT NOW.
WE FOUGHT OVER IT FOR SO VERY LONG.
WE EVEN WAGED A WAR...
...OVER THAT MIRACLE FLUID.
BUT IT'S NO "MIRACLE" ANYMORE.
IT'S SCIENCE...
...BECAUSE YOU, DEAR SENKU...
...CREATED IT WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.
Nitric acid acquired!!
WITH THIS...
...HUMANITY'S REVIVAL IS ALL BUT GUARANTEED!!



ALL THAT'S LEFT TO DO ON THIS ISLAND...
...IS TO FIGHT FOR THE PETRIFI-CATION WEAPON...
...AND WIN!!
WHOOOSH
IS THIS ICE...?
IT RESEMBLES...
...THE SEE-THROUGH ICE ROOM WE DISCOVERED...
NO GOOD. NO, NO, NO.
JOLT
IT'S A DEVELOPMENT THAT'S SHOCKING THIS OLD HEART OF MINE.


WE HAVE INVADERS!
NOW THAT WE HAVE NITRIC ACID...
DIDN'T YOU MENTION GUNPOWDER? ♫
PERHAPS WE COULD MAKE FIREARMS ...?
THAT'D REQUIRE A CRAZY AMOUNT OF THIS STUFF.
SURE, I'D LOVE TO START UP A GIANT FACTORY...
...BUT SADLY, THIS SLAPDASH MACHINE IS ONLY GONNA GIVE US A SMALL QUANTITY OF ACID.
SPLASH
SPLASH
MAKING ENOUGH OF IT TO WAGE WAR...
...WOULD TAKE MONTHS, AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME...
WE JUST GOTTA BE PATIENT.
WE'RE NOT WAITING. WE'VE GOTTA MOVE QUICK ON THIS!
AS SOON AS WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TO REVIVE A SINGLE PERSON...
...WE'RE GONNA GET BACK OUR FIRST OLD ALLY!



TO MAKE THE DRONE...
SPLASH
...WE NEED OUR PRO ARTISAN, KASEKI!
SPLASH
KA
SPLOSH


THEY'RE THROWING ALL OUR FRIENDS...
...OVER-BOARD!!
AND WHY NOT? IN THEIR EYES, OUR PALS ARE JUST USELESS STATUES.
INFILTRATING THE HEAVILY GUARDED SHIP WOULD BE ICKY-TRAY...
...BUT THIS IS OUR CHANCE! WE CAN JUST DIVE DOWN AND GET HIM!
WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE.
D-DO YOU THINK WE COULD WE FIND ALL THE PIECES...
...BEFORE THE CURRENTS WASH THEM AWAY?
SEA CURRENTS...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR RYUSUI!!
HE WOULD BE A BIG HELP-


OH NO! IT LOOKS LIKE...
...THEY'RE TAKING RYUSUI AWAY!
THIS ONE'S CLOTHES WERE PARTICU-LARLY ORNATE...
...SO HE WAS MOST LIKELY THEIR LEADER.


CHATTER
CHATTER
ATTENTION ALL!
I HAVE A MOST TERRIBLE ANNOUNCE-MENT!


WE MAY HAVE...
...INTRUDERS AMONG US.
AND SAID INTRUDERS MUST BE DEALT WITH.
JOLT
IF THIS STONE STATUE IS NOT YOUR COMRADE...
...YOU WILL HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT SMASHING HIM, CORRECT?
KA
SMASH!!


ALL RIGHT! NEXT!!
CHATTER CHATTER
THIS IS...
...HORRIBLE!!
WAIT! DON'T RUIN OUR PLAN!!
DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY, KOHAKU!
BESIDES...
JUST CUZ HE'S IN PIECES DOESN'T MEAN HE'S DEAD, RIGHT?!
WE JUST GOTTA PUT HIM BACK TOGETHER, SPLASH SOME REVIVAL FLUID ON HIM AND BAM!
KZZT KZZT KOHAKU!
PSST PSST
HM?
DISCUSSING STRATEGY?


NEXT UP IS YOU, GIRL.
KOHAKU, WAS IT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T WANNA SMASH HIM?
HRRRMPH? ARE YOU ONE OF THEM INVADERS?
WHAAAAAAT ?!
URELY-SAY OU'RE-YAY OKING-JAY!
???
KAZMASH


WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAMM
WHAMM
WHAMM
WHAMM
WHAM
SHOOM
...SUI...
RYU...
...WAS TOTALLY...


I SMASHED HIM JUST AS YOU COM-MANDED!
ANYTHING ELSE?
NO.
THAT'LL PRETTY MUCH DO IT...
HA HA HA! YOU MADE SUCH A MESS, KOHAKU. ALLOW ME TO CLEAN THIS UP!
HAH! NEVER FEAR.
WITHOUT YUZURIHA, WE'D HAVE TROUBLE PUTTING TINY FRAGMENTS BACK TOGETHER...
...WHICH IS WHY I WAS SURE TO DELIVER ONLY CLEAN BREAKS.
ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM
HM? IT LOOKS LIKE KOHAKU AND EVERY-ONE...
...SENT US A BUNCH OF HEAVY STUFF...
POP


EEEEK!!
OOH, IT'S DELIVERY NUMERO UNO!
Y-YOU MEAN TO TELL ME...
...THE MICE-O-MOBILES...
...ARE CARTING OVER FRAGMENTS OF DEAR RYUSUI...?
DID WE HAVE ANOTHER OPTION?
WE'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR PALS GETTING PETRIFIED ...
...FOR "OPERATION: CHOP-CHOP ESCAPE"!!
I KNEW YOU WERE ALL ABOUT BEING LOGICAL, DEAR SENKU, BUT STILL!
THIS SCHEME BORDERS ON MADNESS...
SO MANY MICE RUNNING AROUND TODAY, HUH?
S-S-SO SORRY! I'LL TELL KOHAKU TO GO CATCH THEM RIGHT AWAY!


HA HA! WELL DONE, BREAKING ME INTO BITS THE WAY YOU DID!
THANKS TO YOU ALL, I GET THE HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST PERSON TO GET REVIVED TWICE...
...IS WHAT RYUSUI WOULD SAY.
WHAT AN IMAGINATION!
NO, THAT DOES SOUND LIKE HIM.
KRAK
KRAK
RYUSUI WAS THE ONE WHO SAVED SUIKA.
THE BAD GUYS STOLE AWAY HIS FAVORITE CAPTAIN'S HAT, SO...
...SUIKA MADE HIM A NEW ONE OUTTA PAPER...
SPLISH
SPLISH


FLASH
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHERE ARE THE USUAL CRACKED FRAGMENTATIONS?
AH, THAT ONLY HAPPENS WITH MILLENNIA-OLD STATUES...
...WHEN THE OUTER CELLS UNDERGO PARTIAL EROSION AND END UP BREAKING AWAY.
RYUSUI'S ONLY BEEN STONE AGAIN FOR A FEW DAYS, SO, NO EROSION AT ALL.
WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE...
...IS THE TRUE REVIVAL PROCESS!!
FLASH
FLASH



WAIT. I AM THE FIRST, RIGHT?
YOU SURE ARE.
HMPH!
WHICH MEANS...
...YOU DESIRE KASEKI NEXT. AM I WRONG?!
BINGO! AS ALWAYS, YOU CATCH ON QUICK!!
SNAP!!
RYUSUI!!
HA HA!!
THANKS TO YOU ALL...
...I GET THE HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST PERSON TO GET REVIVED TWICE!

Petrification Kingdom

VIP FILE 1



Ibara

Cunning:	★★★★★
Strength:	★★★★
Vigilance:	★★★★★

Height: 207 cm

Job: Minister

Ibara executes the master's orders by his own ways and means, making him, for all intents and purposes, the most powerful man on the island.

He was a fairly competent warrior in his younger days, but this ambitious schemer used every trick in the book to curry favor with the master and claw his way to the position of minister.

Ibara loves pretty women—especially those with young-looking faces—though he's not that picky.


Z=117: The Kingdom of Science Strikes Back



ZABAM!!
HA HA! WELL DONE, SUIKA!
...YOU'RE ALREADY A FULL-FLEDGED WARRIOR OF THE KINGDOM!!
IN MY EYES...
YOU BORE A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY AS THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF THE *PERSEUS* ATTACK!
Ryusui, revived!
HMPH!
I'VE GOT THE GIST OF WHAT'S GOING ON.
MY CAPTAIN'S INTUITION IS TELLING ME...
...THAT THE MOMENT THE ENEMY TOSSES THEIR PETRIFICATION WEAPON...
...YOU PLAN TO NAB IT IN MIDAIR. AM I WRONG?


AM I WRONG?!
DON!!
DRONE!!
YOU'RE WRONG!!
SENKU
NO, THAT'S GREAT! STAYING LOYAL TO DESIRE DEFINES OUR KINGDOM OF SCIENCE!!
AND RIGHT NOW, I DESIRE...
EVEN RYUSUI, WITH ALL HIS DESIRES, COULDN'T FATHOM SUCH A RIDICULOUS PLAN!!


...KASEKI!
...OUR GODLY ARTISAN...
SPLASH
SPLASH
OH DEAR...
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THEY'VE RAMPED UP SECURITY.
THERE'S IBARA...
...AND THEIR MIGHTIEST WARRIOR, MOZ!



HEH HEH HEH... IT'S TEN BILLION PERCENT CLEAR THEY SUSPECT THAT SOME OF US INVADERS SURVIVED!
WE'D BETTER NOT MOVE EVEN ONE MILLIMETER CLOSER.
SH-SHOULD WE TRY SNEAKING BACK AT NIGHT...?
BUT WE CAN'T SEARCH THE SEAFLOOR WITHOUT SUNLIGHT.
THEY'LL SPOT US IF WE KEEP COMING UP FOR AIR.
WHICH MEANS...
FWAP
WE'LL BE GOING ON ONE BIG DIVE! COME, SOYUZ!!
LEAP
SO HASTY!!
THOUGH I ASSUME OUR ATHLETIC FRIENDS HERE WEREN'T COUNTING ON DEAR SENKU AND ME.
BLUB
BLUB
AS EXPECTED...
IT'S SIMPLY NOT OSSIBLE-PAY.


THEN HOW ABOUT...
...SOME SCUBA DIVING IN THE SOUTHERN ISLES?
WE'RE GONNA MAKE OXYGEN TANKS!!
!!!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
KA KLUNK


KRAK
NOOOO! YOU'RE POPPING OFF PARTS OF THE LAB CAR LIKE IT'S GOING OUT OF STYLE!
Though I suppose you did reappropriate that bracket for the motor earlier!
WE HAVE NO TIME TO MANUFACTURE THESE PARTS FROM SCRATCH, SO THANK GOODNESS FOR RECYCLING.
THIS TUBE FROM THE LAB CAR...
...IS JUST YOUR BASIC IRON PIPE.
AND NOW IT'S GOT A LID!
KA KLUNK
IT LOOKS SO AMATEUR-ISH!!
ARE YOU REALLY FASHIONING THAT INTO AN OXYGEN TANK?!
CAN IT WITHSTAND THE AIR PRESSURE?
YEP! I'VE ACTUALLY TESTED IT BEFORE, AND IT WORKS BETTER THAN YOU'D THINK.
WE JUST NEED TO SOLDER WHERE THE FLANGED RIMS MEET.
IT SHOULD THEN BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND ABOUT 100 ATMOSPHERES OF PRESSURE.
Though it all leaked out after a month.
I'M NOT FOLLOWING ANY OF THIS, DEAR SENKU...
...BUT I KNOW YOU'VE MADE ROCKET ENGINES BEFORE.


IT'LL TAKE AN EQUALLY RUSTIC APPROACH TO FILL IT WITH AIR!
AND I'LL SWIPE THIS REGULATOR TO MAKE THE STOPPER VALVE.
TOSS TOSS
AWWWW...
THE PISTONS FROM THIS ENGINE SHOULD DO NICELY!
HE'S TEARING IT APART, BIT BY BIT!
DEAR KASEKI WOULD WEEP TO SEE THIS.
My adorable lab car!!
TA DAH!!
THIS IS...
...OUR OXYGEN TANK?
IT'S MORE THAN A BIT SHABBY LOOKING.
UNLIKE KASEKI, I'M JUST A BEGINNER, SO THOSE ROUGH EDGES ARE PART OF THE CHARM.
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE KASEKI'S SKILLS.
ONCE WE REVIVE HIM...
...HE CAN BUILD IT ALL OVER AGAIN!!
!
YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT!!
YOU TWO TALK AS IF THIS IS SOME BIG, EMOTIONAL MOMENT...
...WHILE IGNORING THAT IT'LL BE KASEKI DOING THE HARD WORK!!


PUFF
PUFF
ALL THAT'S LEFT...
...IS TO PUMP OUR TANKS FULL OF AIR!
OH NO... I KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT, AND IT'S NOT GOOD.
IN TRUE KINGDOM OF SCIENCE SPIRIT...
...WE'LL HAVE TO LABOR ENDLESSLY TO PUMP THAT AIR...
HUH? THIS IS SO EASY...
...THAT EVEN SUIKA CAN DO IT NO PROBLEM!
PUFF
PUFF
SURELY NOT?
WAIT, YES, YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT. ♪
SURE, AT FIRST...
AT TWO ATMOSPHERES, IT'LL FEEL LIKE INFLATING A BIKE TIRE.
2 ATM
BWOOMP
GRR
GRR
10 ATM
BWOOMP
GRRR
50 ATM


FUNURGHBAHHHH!!
P-PUFF
ABOUT FIVE MORE HOURS.
Per tank.
I KNEW IT! ENDLESS LABOR!
TEN HOURS LATER...
H-HOW MUCH MORE...
...OF THIS MUST WE DO?
WELL, CALCULATING BASED ON CAPACITY...
SUIKA! PUMPING AIR IN THERE MEANS PUMPING HEAT TOO!
SPLASH SOME WATER ON THE TANK, UNLESS YOU WANT IT TO EXPLODE!!
OKAY! GOT IT!!


KABABOOM
THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH.
WE'VE GOT TWO FULL TANKS!!
THE P-PUMP ITSELF...
...BLEW UP.
W-WE'RE IN TROUBLE NOW!!
NAH!
Oxygen tanks acquired!!


KSSH
KSSH
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
TH-THIS IS AMAZING.
WE'RE ACTUALLY BREATHING UNDER THE WATER!


HOW LONG WILL THOSE TANKS LAST THEM...?
DEPENDS ON HOW DEEP THEY GO, BUT ROUGHLY...
...TEN MINUTES.
THAT'S IT?!
TEN MINUTES, FOR TEN HOURS OF PUMPING AIR...
AND OUR PUFF-PUFF MACHINE...
...BLEW UP IN THE END...
THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE OXYGEN TANKS...
...SO THESE TEN MINUTES WILL DECIDE OUR FATE!!
WE'LL DIVE DOWN DEEP...
...TO SAVE KASEKI!!
TEN MINUTES ISN'T MUCH TO WORK WITH.
IF ONLY I KNEW WHERE TO SEARCH...
...


...IN THAT DIRECTION.
...THE ENEMY TOSSED THE STATUES...
...ABOUT THIS HARD...
AT THE WATER'S SURFACE...
...RIGHT UP THERE...
TO RECOUNT IT IN SUCH DETAIL? THAT'S ONE INCREDIBLE MIND YOU'VE GOT, SOYUZ!
AH, BUT THEN AGAIN, I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU WERE SOMETHING SPECIAL...
...AFTER YOU RECALLED THAT MEMORY OF THE ISLAND FROM YOUR INFANCY.
?
YOU'VE GIVEN ME INVALUABLE INFORMATION!
ZOOM
RYUSUI'S DEFINITELY GONNA...
...FIND EVERYONE AND BRING THEM UP.
BECAUSE WHEN IT COMES TO THE SEA...
...HE'S SMARTER THAN ANYONE ELSE AROUND!!



THIS IS...
...A RIFT IN THE CORAL REEF!
A REEF CURRENT !!
Reef Current
A powerful tidal current that sweeps out from the shallows to the open sea.
SO MOST LIKELY...
...THE STONE FRAGMENTS WOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT BY THE TIDE AND...


HA HA! THERE YOU ARE!
THE TRUSTY CREW OF THE PERSEUS, OUR SHIP OF SCIENCE!!
WELL DONE...
...HANGING IN THERE IN THE DARK!!


SUCH EXEMPLARY SERVICE DESERVES A GENEROUS BONUS.
I PROMISE YOU ALL HEAPS OF DRAGOS ONCE YOU'RE BACK!
1 JELLYFISH = FOUND SOMEONE
2 JELLYFISH = FOUND KASEKI
3 JELLYFISH = FOUND EVERYONE
THREE? THAT MEANS...
...THEY FOUND EVERYONE !!
...!!
INCLUDING DEAR KASEKI! ♫
E=mc²
THESE DESTINED BATTLES...
...BOTH 3,700 YEARS AGO...
...AND AGAIN, HERE AND NOW.


UP AGAINST A PETRIFICATION WEAPON...
...WE WERE NEARLY WIPED OUT, HELPLESS TO RESIST.
KINGDOM OF SCIENCE
VS
PETRIFICATION KINGDOM
HA HA!! IT'S TIME...
...FOR OUR KINGDOM TO STRIKE BACK!
LET'S DO THIS!!

Petrification Kingdom

VIP FILE 2



Moz

Battle Ability: ★★★★★

Work Ethic: ★

Love Prowess: ★★★★★

Height: 182 cm

Job: Marshal (Head Warrior)

A thoroughbred from a clan of warriors, Moz is a battle genius thought to be strongest in the Kingdom's entire history. That said, he takes little interest in training and refining his skills.

At the age of seven, Moz nearly committed patricide when his father started physically abusing him. He hasn't lost a battle since.

Strong, cocky and renowned, Moz is very popular with the ladies. He often gets who he wants from the harem.


Z=118: Silent Soldiers


SOOO COOL!
NOW THAT WE CAN MAKE LOTS AND LOTS OF REVIVAL FLUID...
...WE CAN DIVE DOWN...
...AND REVIVE ALL OF OUR FRIENDS!
YEP. BUT REVIVING THEM IN THE RIGHT ORDER IS KEY.
IF WE DON'T REVIVE OUR ARTISAN KASEKI FIRST, IT'S GAME OVER!
AND SINCE THERE'RE NO MORE OXYGEN TANKS LEFT...
...OUR DIVERS ONLY GET ONE SHOT AT THIS!
HA HA! COME WITH ME NOW, KASEKI!
GRAP!!
YOU'RE THE ONE...
...WE DESIRE!
TUG TUG TUG



HE'S TOTALLY...
...STUCK IN THERE.
DOOOM
HE WON'T BUDGE...
...EVEN A LITTLE BIT...
BAM
HOW MUCH AIR REMAINING ?
I EXPECTED ...
...WE'D GET THE SIGNAL TO HAUL THEM UP BY NOW.
IS SOMETHING WRONG...?
...


00:01
TIK
THOSE ARE TEN-LITER TANKS AT A STARTING PRESSURE OF 70 ATM.
AN AVERAGE MAN BREATHES 15 LITERS OF AIR PER MINUTE.
TIK
TIK
THE PROBLEM IS WATER DEPTH. JUDGING FROM WHERE THE JELLYFISH POPPED UP AND THE MOVEMENTS OF THE ROPES...
THAT RISES TO 20 DURING INTENSE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
...THEY'RE 20 METERS DEEP.
TIK
TUG
TUG
TUG
TUG
BUT WITHOUT KASEKI, THERE'LL BE NO MORE OXYGEN TANKS.
AND NO MORE TANKS MEANS NO MORE DIVES.
SKRCH SKRCH SKRCH
D-DARN IT... HE SANK INTO THIS MUD.
IT COULD TAKE HOURS TO DIG HIM OUT...
FOUR TUGS MEANS...
...FOUR MINUTES OF AIR LEFT!



WE'VE GOT THIS ONE CHANCE, AND THAT'S IT!
BAM
WE CAN'T HEAD BACK UP WITHOUT KASEKI!
HA HA! IF MY STRENGTH WON'T CUT IT...
TUUUUG
...THEN I DESIRE THE POWER OF ONE OF OUR PALS.
DELEGATING IS A LEADER'S DUTY AFTER ALL! AM I WRONG?!
FWP
FWP
LOOK, IT'S THE SIGNAL...
WAIT A MOMENT.
THOSE TUGS ARE A LITTLE OFF! IT MIGHT BE A MESSAGE!
TUG, TUUUG, TUG, TUG, TUG, TUUUG, TUG?
IT'S...
...MORSE CODE!
DOT-DASH, DOT-DOT-DOT, DASH-DOT? THAT'S A-S-N...?
THEY'RE SENDING US MORSE CODE VIA LIFELINE, ONE AT A TIME...
IT'LL TAKE MINUTES TO GET THE WHOLE MESSAGE, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
NEVER FEAR, DEAR SENKU... ♪


I DON'T EXPECT IT WILL TAKE THAT LONG.
BECAUSE TRUE COMRADES...
...DON'T NEED ENTIRE WORDS.
BAM BAM
THE MORSE CODE CAME JUST AFTER WE INFORMED DEAR RYUSUI OF THE TIME LIMIT, SO...
...WHATEVER IT IS, HE NEEDS IT IN A HURRY.
BAM BAM BAM BAM
GIVEN THE URGENCY, HE WOULDN'T TRY TO COMMUNICATE AN ENTIRE SENTENCE— JUST THESE LETTERS.
BUT THERE ARE A FEW POSSIBILITIES FOR A-S-N.
ATOMIC STRIKE NETWORK? ABSTRACT SYNTAX NOTATION? ASIAN? NO, THOSE CAN'T BE RIGHT.
BAM BAM BAM
WAIT, WE'RE INTERPRETING IT WRONG! IT'S DOT-DASH-DOT, DOT-DOT-DASH-DOT!
NOT A.S.N., BUT R.F.!
BAM
NOW WHAT COULD THEY DESIRE...
...THAT'S ABBREVIATED AS R.F.?


SPLOOSH
REVIVAL FLUID!
NICE AND QUICK!
R-RIGHT.
IF WE REVIVE OUR POWERHOUSE, TAIJU...
...HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO YANK KASEKI OUT.
...
BUT, RYUSUI...
HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SPLASH THE REVIVAL FLUID ON HIM UNDERWATER...?


WASTING NO TIME...
HE'S SO...
...DECISIVE!
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB

I'LL USE WHAT'S LEFT IN MY TANK...
...TO FORM A POCKET OF AIR DOWN HERE...
...AND ADMINISTER THE FLUID FROM BELOW!!
HIS LAST BIT OF...
...REMAINING AIR!
!!
OH NO! HE'S MISSING THE STONE ARM!
IF WE REVIVE HIM LIKE THIS...
!


FWAHHH
SHP
HHH!
HOW'D HE KNOW THAT WAS TAIJU'S ARM WITH JUST A GLANCE?
DID HE MEMORIZE THE POSES WE WERE IN AT THE MOMENT OF PETRIFICATION ?!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE, SOYUZ!


FWAHHHH
BAM
YEAHHHH!
OF COURSE I WAS AWAKE THIS WHOLE TIME!!
Taiju, revived!!
?!!!
MRGL BLRGL
O-OF COURSE HE WASN'T EXPECTING THIS!
SORRY WE HAD TO REVIVE YOU UNDER-WATER, TAIJU...
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE.
WE HAVE TO INFORM TAIJU ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT HE'S GOT TO DO!
BUT SINCE WE CAN'T SPEAK UNDERWATER...
I JUST GOTTA CREATE A LITTLE ATMOSPHERE...
...AROUND OUR FACES!!




SHLUUUCK
WHAP
SHLRP
?!!!
THAT ONE BREATH WAS PLENTY.
AND YOU GOTTA KEEP BREATHING TOO, RYUSUI!
BESIDES, THERE'S NO NEED TO TALK ANYMORE!!


FRIENDS DON'T NEED WORDS...
...WHEN OUR HEARTS DO THE TALKING!!



BWA HA HA HA! THOUGH I GUESS THAT'S NOT TOO SCIENTIFIC!!
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, TAIJU.
I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR!!


SPLASH
SPLASH
SHOULD WE START TO ORRY-WAY NOW?
TIME IS NEARLY UP...
BLUB
BLUB
!!
BAM
THEY'RE COMING UP...



SPL
OOSH
HEYA...
...KASEKI.
YOU TOO...
...BIG OAF!!
KAZASPLOOOSH
WELCOME BACK...
...EVERY-ONE!!


DR. STONE
IF SENKU WERE AN IDIOT...
NOW WHAT COULD THEY DESIRE...
...THAT STARTS WITH "FU"?
FURAMINGO ("FLAMINGO" IN JAPANESE)
FUE ("FLUTE" IN JAPANESE)
FUUSEN ("BALLOON" IN JAPANESE)


Z=119: Science Soldiers


THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! WE NEED A DRONE, SO...
...LET'S REVIVE OUR GODLY ARTISAN KASEKI WITH A QUICK SPLASH, AND...
SHP
W-W-WAIT, DEAR SENKU!
SHOULDN'T THIS BE DONE WITH MORE GRAVITAS? AND ALSO...
LOOK AT DEAR KASEKI'S BACK.
IT'S GOT THESE STRANGE CRACKS.
ALMOST AS IF HE'S MISSING A PIECE.
ACK!
IT'S TRUE!!


THAT? THAT SHOULD HEAL THANKS TO THE RESTORATIVE EFFECTS OF THE REVIVAL PROCESS.
HMPH! THOUGH IT'LL LEAVE HIM WITH SOME SCARS.
Like on your face and Gen's.
BUT... SENKU AND GEN HAVE COOL CRACKS.
THIS JUST LOOKS LIKE...
POOP
TH-TH-THAT'LL BE SO SAD!
NOBODY CARES ABOUT CRAP LIKE THAT IN THIS STONE WORLD.
NO, I'M SURE SOME OF US DO!
FINE. IF WE WANNA BE SURE, WE CAN WAIT FOR TAIJU TO GET BACK.
TAIJU?
WHERE'D HE DISAPPEAR TO...?
WOO! CHECK THIS OUT!!
BAM
ZAZAA
I GOT A BUNCH OF PARTS!!


FROM THE SEAFLOOR?!
B-BUT HOW...?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE OXYGEN TANKS...
SPLISH
SPLISH
HM? I JUST HELD MY BREATH.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU GUYS FOR USING SCIENCE TO FIGURE OUT THE RIGHT SPOT!
DIVING STRAIGHT DOWN THERE ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES...
...WHICH ISN'T TOO LONG FOR ME TO HOLD MY BREATH.
HA HA HA! WHEN IT COMES TO ENDURANCE— I'M YOUR MAN!
BUT WHICH FRAGMENT IS THE ONE KASEKI'S MISSING?
NO CLUE. I'D BETTER JUST HAUL EVERYTHING UP!
WE GET THAT YOU'RE A BRUTE FORCE OF NATURE, TAIJU...
...BUT DIVING TO RETRIEVE EVERY LAST PIECE ON YOUR OWN IS...
NO SWEAT!
SINCE I CAN ONLY CARRY SO MUCH AT A TIME...
...IT'LL TAKE JUST TWO TO THREE HUNDRED ROUND TRIPS!!
KA-SPLASH


A-AT LEAST LET ME ROW YOU OUT THERE.
GOOD IDEA!
HE SAYS THAT LIKE IT'S NOTHING.
JUST TWO TO THREE HUNDRED...
PFFT!
THE LOOKS ON YOUR FACES—TOO FREAKING FUNNY! YOU PEOPLE STILL DON'T GET HOW TAIJU DEFIES LOGIC AT EVERY TURN!!
WELL, I THINK I'M FINALLY GETTING IT.
SPLASH
YOU AND DEAR TAIJU SEEM TO BE SUCH POLAR OPPOSITES, BUT...
...THE REASON YOU GET ALONG SO WELL...
SPLASH
...IS THAT YOU SHARE THAT SAME RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.
KACHK
YAY! THIS PIECE FITS PERFECTLY, RIGHT IN KASEKI'S...
...POOP HOLE!!
PLEASE DON'T CALL IT A POOP HOLE.
THOUGH YOU'RE NOT TECHNICALLY WRONG!
OKAY? WE GOOD? SPLASHY-SPLASHY TIME!
NO GRAVITAS AT ALL!!


FWAHHHHHHH
Kaseki, revived!!
YOU COULDN'T GET HIM SOME REAL CLOTHES?
SEAWEED IS FINE FOR NOW.
FWAHHH
GROSS!
OHO HO!!
SO THAT'S WHAT TURNING TO STONE FEELS LIKE!
MY FIRST TIME WAS SO DARN EXCITING.
YES, BUT...
HA HA! OF COURSE! THIS IS A FIRST FOR THE ISHIGAMI VILLAGE PEOPLE.
WHAT'S EXCITING ABOUT IT? SUFFERING IN THE DARK, PARALYZED, NOT KNOWING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN...


AN OLD FOSSIL LIKE YOU PROBABLY HAD HIS ARTHRITIS AND STUFF CURED.
YEP, THAT'S THE RESTOR-ATIVE EFFECT.
BUT WHAT'S STRANGE IS...
I'M FEELING LIKE I'M IN TIP-TOP SHAPE!!
HOP
HOP
HEH HEH HEH... AND I'VE GOT THE PERFECT JOB FOR OUR NEW AND IMPROVED KASEKI.
DRONE
HUH? ON WHAT?
HOW ABOUT IT? READY TO GET RIGHT TO WORK ON A PROJECT?
FOOOOSH
I SEE, DEAR SENKU...
THIS IS WHY YOU SAID SEAWEED WAS GOOD ENOUGH!
SUFFERING?
NOT AT ALL!
I WAS RELAXING...
...SINCE I KNEW YOU FELLAS WOULD CRACK ME OUT WITH SCIENCE.



!!
BUT BEFORE THAT...
DRONNNN
MY ADORABLE MOBILE LAB!
YES, YOU'LL NEED TO START THERE.
TOK TOK TOK TOK
THAT'S RIGHT! ANY GOOD DRONE...
SPLOOSH
...HAS GOTTA HAVE...
PROPELLERS !!
YES, PROPELLERS DO SEEM RATHER ESSENTIAL.
E=mc²


THE BLADES HAVE TO BE LIGHTWEIGHT!
TAKE SOME REAL BIRD FEATHERS...
...TWIST 'EM A LITTLE AND COAT IN PLASTIC.
THEN ADJUST THE SHAPE BY HAND. I'LL SKIP THE LONG LECTURE ON PROPULSION AND LIFT DYNAMICS. THE QUICKEST WAY IS TO TEST IT OUT.
ONE MORE THING!
THWP
THE KEY ITEM WE NEED KASEKI TO MAKE IS...
...A FIDGET SPINNER!!
Whee!
YES, CLEARLY A VITAL COMPONENT.
E=mc²


IT'S TEN BILLION PERCENT ESSENTIAL.
A TOY LIKE THAT? HERE AND NOW?
REMEMBER HOW MUCH OUR MOTORS SHOOK AND RATTLED?
WHY A FIDGET SPINNER...?
WAIT, BUT WHY?!
BALL BEARINGS ARE THE ACTUAL KEY COMPONENT.
THEY GIVE SUPPORT TO AXLES, ALLOWING FOR HIGH-SPEED ROTATION.
THEY'RE A TRUE CORNER-STONE OF MECHANICAL PRODUCTION.
VRRRM VRRRM
WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE LEONARDO DA VINCI, RIGHT? HE CAME UP WITH THIS.
THAT OLD DUDE WAS GREAT AT ART AND SCIENCE.
EVERY NOW AND THEN, YOU GET OUTRAGEOUS PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
ERM... YES, I SUPPOSE I'VE HEARD OF HIM...
BUT I KNOW HIM AS THE PAINTER OF THE MONA LISA.
I WOULD PUT YOU AND DEAR TAIJU IN THAT CATEGORY.
STICK LITTLE FRAGMENTS OF WHATEVER IN THESE TUBES AND SPIN 'EM AROUND REAL FAST...
WHRRRRR
...SO THE BITS GRIND DOWN AND ROUND OFF.
WHRRRRR


FSSSHH
THIS GIVES US A TON OF THESE LITTLE PACHINKO BALLS.
WE'LL EVENTUALLY MAKE PACHINKO MACHINES, RIGHT?!
SURE. MAYBE IN ABOUT TEN BILLION YEARS.
WE CAN SORT 'EM BY SIZE WITH THESE HOLES.
AND ONCE YOU'VE GOT BALLS OF THE SAME SIZE...
WH KRRRL
WHRL
WHRL
WHRL
WHRL
OHO... THE STRUCTURE'S SIMPLE ENOUGH, BUT...
MAKING IT WITH THE PARTS AND LATHE HERE IS GONNA BE TOUGH.
KRRRGZT
HEYYYY!
HERE'S THE FINAL HAUL!!
BAM
KRRRGZT


THE KINGDOM OF SCIENCE...
...NOW HAS...
...KASEKI, OUR MASTER ARTISAN, BACK!!
CHROME!
FRANCOIS!
UKYO!


!!
...
WAIT, WHO'S THAT?
THERE'S A COMPLETE STRANGER IN THE MIX.
OH, YEAH! I BROUGHT BACK EVERY PIECE FROM THAT ONE STRIP!!
HEH HEH HEH...SO IT'S A PETRIFICATION VICTIM FROM WHO KNOWS WHEN.
BUT NOW...
WE HAVE OUR ENTIRE CREW, WHO WERE ALL PETRIFIED...
...BEFORE EVEN STEPPING FOOT OFF THE SHIP.
THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF SCIENCE...
...HAS FINALLY...
...MADE LANDFALL ON THIS ISLAND!!


YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
AT LONG LAST.
EVERYONE'S ON DRY LAND. BUT...
...CAN WE WAKE THEM ALL UP RIGHT NOW?
SINCE WE CAN ONLY MAKE A LITTLE REVIVAL FLUID AT A TIME...
...WE CAN'T SIT AROUND UNTIL THERE'S ENOUGH TO REVIVE EVERYONE.
AND THE BAD GUYS ARE BOUND TO DISCOVER OUR SAPPHIRE CAVE SOONER OR LATER.
SPLASH
SPLASH
IF THEY DO, AND IF THEY TOSS THAT WEAPON AT US FROM THE OUTSIDE...
...IT'LL BE GAME OVER FOR REAL THIS TIME!
HM... KOHAKU.
THE INVADER THAT IBARA MENTIONED...


THAT'D BE YOU, RIGHT?
SO GO ON— TELL ME WHERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE HIDING.
...
HA! EVEN IF I WERE THE ONE...
...DO YOU REALLY THINK I'D BETRAY MY ALLIES?



BEFORE THE ENEMY FINDS OUR HIDEOUT...
...WE GOTTA SNAG THEIR PETRIFICATION WEAPON OUTTA THE AIR!
SPLASH
SPLASH
CUZ ONCE WE'VE STOLEN IT AWAY FROM THEM...
...OUR NUMBERS DISADVANTAGE WON'T MATTER.
WE CAN BEAT THEM WITH THE POWER OF SCIENCE!
THAT DRONE'S OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!
CAN IT BE DONE, KASEKI?
OHO HO! DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?
I'M FIRED UP MORE THAN EVER!



I DIDN'T DEDICATE FIVE DECADES OF MY LIFE TO BEING AN ARTISAN...
SHWRRRL
...FOR NOTHING!
BWRRRL
WOWEE!
BWRRRRL
Drone acquired!!
I-IT'S FLYING!
ON ITS OWN, LIKE A BIRD!!
WHAK WHAK
KAWHAM
STILL IN BETA TESTING.
NEXT COMES STABILI-ZATION!

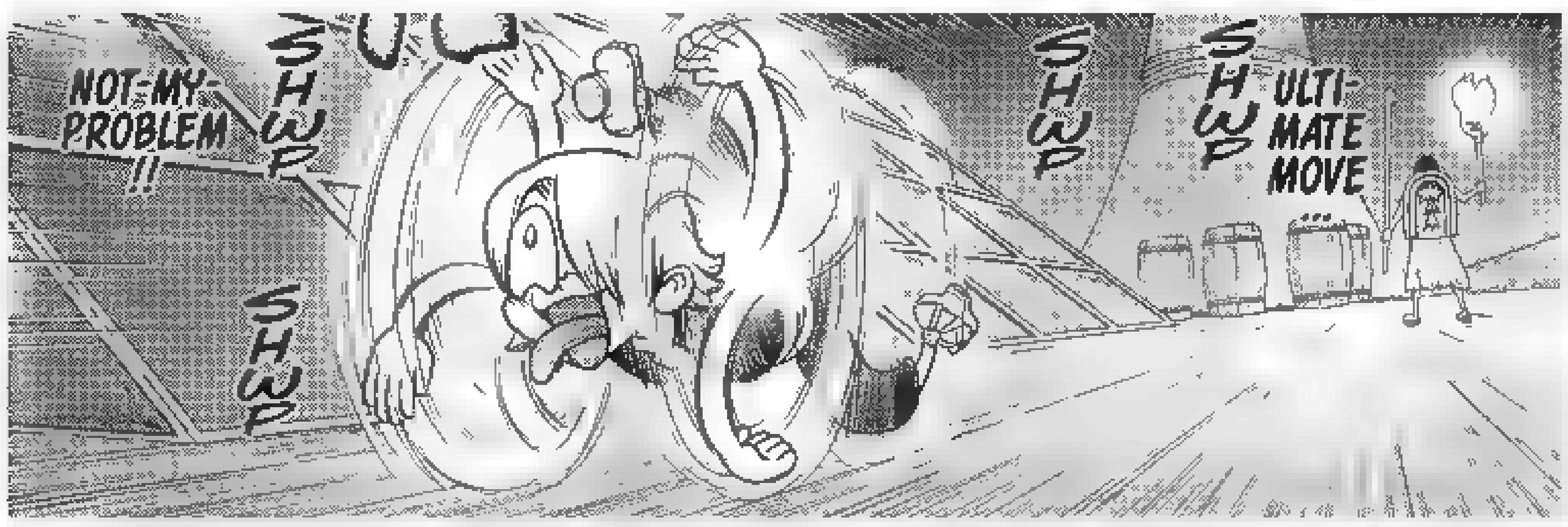


MECHA SENKU Q&A SEARCH

Question Corner

What other "Sleazy Ultimate Moves" does Ginro use?

Kosei Omori from Iwate Prefecture SEARCH





Ginro's Five Great Sleazy Ultimate Moves

#	Move	Description
#1	Ultimate Move: Not-My-Problem!!	I don't make others do everything, mind you! Just the annoying and scary stuff! If the job is eating something yummy, then leave it to me!!
#2	Ultimate Move: Abandon-the-Post!!	Before you know it, I'm gone! Give me a chance to slack off, and I'll take it! I want rewards without putting in effort!!
#3	Ultimate Move: Thoughtlessness!!	Read the room? I can't even read a book! I trample over people's spirits with my bare feet!!
#4	Ultimate Move: Suckerfish!!	People stronger than me should be fighting! Let them handle everything, but let me take credit!!
#5	Ultimate Move: Sudden-Onset-Ouchy!!	When the times get tough, I get a convenient ailment! When all's well again, I make a miraculous recovery!!


Z=120: Top Seacret


I DON'T WANNA MEET THE MASTER!
PLEASE, AT LEAST COME WITH ME!
LIKE I SAID, WE CAN ONLY ESCORT YOU PARTWAY...
...SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS SUMMONED, GINRO.
NO! PLEASE, NOOOO!
HAH! BUT THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE...
...TO FINALLY MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY LEADER.
REMEMBER OUR MISSION, GINRO.
WE'RE HERE TO LEARN ALL WE CAN ABOUT THE ENEMY.


GET FRIENDLY WITH THE MASTER AND GET SOME INFORMATION.
MAYBE EVEN TAKE HOSTAGES IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES...
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK I COULD PULL OFF A DARING STUNT LIKE THAT?!
RELAX. YOU'RE A MAN, SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL BE ATTACKED.
OH YEAH? THAT'S SOME NAIVE THINKING, KOHAKU...
HM... KOHAKU.
YOU'RE THE INVADER, RIGHT?
GO ON— TELL ME WHERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE HIDING.
BADUM BADUM
BADUM BADUM
BADUM
BADUM


RIGHT, I'VE GOT THIS, JUST IN CASE.
!!
PWOP
MY SECRET WEAPON IS...
...THIS PINEAPPLE!!
HEH HEH HEH... LISTEN UP, BEAUTY SQUAD.
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT...
IF THE MASTER SUMMONS YOU...
...BIDE YOUR TIME AND WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO TOSS THIS INTO THE ROOM.
A PINEAPPLE ...?
THE PINEAPPLE'S JUST THE CONTAINER.
WHAT'S INSIDE IS ETHYL ACETATE.
E-MC



POP
IT'S USED BY BUG COLLECTORS TO KILL AND PRESERVE SPECIMENS...
Ho ho ho ho...
ALL YOU NEED IS BOOZE, VINEGAR AND A DROP OF OUR OLD FRIEND, SULFURINA.
Vinegar
STINKY! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
HUH? THIS JUST SMELLS LIKE...
...AN ORDINARY PINEAPPLE TO ME...
YEAH, IT'S A SIMILAR SCENT, CHEMICALLY.
YOU SOUTHERN ISLANDERS WOULD JUST ASSUME IT'S AN OVERRIPE PINEAPPLE.
IT'S NOT TOO STRONG, BUT IT IS POTENT.
IT'LL MAKE YOU ALL DIZZY IN THE HEAD.
GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS AT HOME SHOULD NEVER, UNDER ANY CONDITIONS, SNIFF THIS STUFF!
WOBBL
WOBBL
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO SCAVENGE!
IS THIS THING REALLY GONNA WORK...?


BADOOM BADOOM
BADOOM BADOOM
UM...
HULLO THERE.
I'M GINRO...
ER, GINROLINA ...


GOOD, GOOD...
ENTER.
BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM
S-SO, YOU SEE...
ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER AND NOW I'M HERE, BUT...
CAN'T LIE WHEN HE GETS NERVOUS
I-I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT FROM LOOKING AT ME, BUT...
THE TRUTH IS, I-I'M ACTUALLY A...
TMP TMP
YOU CALLED, MASTER?


AH...
MHM...
YES, I UNDERSTAND.
JUST LIKE ALWAYS, THEN.
YOU NEEDN'T BE NERVOUS, GINROLINA.
BUT WE CAN'T LET GIRLS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN VETTED...
...SPEND TIME WITH THE MASTER ALONE, CAN WE?
SO BEFORE THAT, THIS OLD MAN...
...WILL TEACH YOU A THING OR TWO ABOUT LOVE. ♥
SATISFY ME AND THE MASTER IS ALL YOURS!!


EEEEK!
TOMP
TOMP
TOMP
TOMP
NOW, NOW... THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR...
W-W-WELL, THE THING IS, I'M ACTUALLY A...
YES, YES, A TOMBOY. I CAN SEE THAT.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT?
PERFECT!
EVEN IF I WERE AN INVADER...
...DO YOU REALLY THINK I'D REVEAL...
...MY ALLIES' SECRET LOCATION THAT EASILY?
SHP


SWWP
A WEAPON ?!
WHAT'S THAT HAREM GIRL UP TO?!


KABWAM
KAPOW
HM... I KNEW IT.
YOU'RE STRONG, KOHAKU.
HRRRMPH?!
NO MERCY! KILL HER DEAD!!
THE GREAT OARASHI IS THE STRONGEST ON THE ISLAND!
NOW WITNESS MY MIRACLE POWER...
...
KILL?
RMMBBB
TCH!
SO MANY...


BWAM BWAM
BWAM BWAM
BWAM BWAM
UGH...
ARGH...
WHO SAID YOU COULD KILL HER?
IF SHE WAS UGLY...SURE. BUT WHAT A WASTE OF A BEAUTY THAT WOULD BE.
THE HAREM IS HOW I HAVE MY FUN.
DON'T YOU EVER FORGET THAT.



THIS ONE'S BATTLE PROWESS BLOWS THE OTHERS OUT OF THE WATER. HE'S...
...THE PETRIFICATION KINGDOM'S MIGHTIEST WARRIOR...
MOZ!
BUT OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW...
...I'M THE KINGDOM OF SCIENCE'S STRONGEST RESOURCE.
HAH! IF I CAN'T STOP THIS MAN, THEN NOBODY CAN!!
JUST AS PROMISED...
I'M READY TO BATTLE!!
BAM



PWOP
NOW!
THIS IS MY CHANCE!!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
KRAK
WHAM
GOOSH
GOOSH
GOOSH
HOORAY! I'M SO TOTALLY...
...OUTTA HERE!
FEEL...
...SO DIZZY...
WOL
HM?
THAT SCENT...
PINEAPPLE?
AND LIQUOR ...?
BBBL
Hah! You blew our one chance...
...and now have nothing.


THE MASTER'S IN THERE... THE BIG ENEMY BOSS.
KOHAKU WILL BE SUPER MAD...
PEEK
...IF I DON'T EVEN SEE HIS FACE...
FWAH
HUH?
IT'S TOO DARK TO REALLY SEE, BUT...
...THAT FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR...



SOYUZ ...?
FWAHHH
FWAHH




EEEEK!
H-HE'S...
...PETRIFIED!
B-B-BUT WHY?!
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
YOU'VE SEEN IT...
WH-WHO, ME?
NOPE.
I-I-I SAW NOTHING.


YOU MUSTN'T LIE, NOW!


KAKLASH


MMU
STONE


KOHAKU ...
...AND MOZ ARE FIGHTING!
HM... IF YOU'RE THIS STRONG...
Z=121: Medusa's True Face


YOU MUST'VE REALIZED A WHILE BACK, RIGHT?
HOW MUCH HOPELESSLY STRONGER I AM.
THE WHOLE LOT OF YOU TOGETHER COULD NEVER BEAT ME.
SHDDR
WHOOOOSH


WHAM
MAYBE, BUT WHY DON'T WE JUST GET RIGHT TO IT AND GET FRIENDLY WITH EACH OTHER?
YOU'LL LOVE IT SO MUCH, YOU'LL BE DYING TO SPILL EVERYTHING.
WHAM WHAM WHAM
HAH! I KNEW AS MUCH BEFORE WE CROSSED BLADES!
SO YOU CAN KEEP YOUR OPINION TO YOURSELF!
BESIDES, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE? YOU WANT TO BREAK MY SPIRIT? MAKE ME GIVE UP MY ALLIES?
HOW ABOUT A MAN LIKE ME? I'M STRONGER THAN STRONG.
WHAT'S YOUR TYPE, KOHAKU?
I DON'T MIND A STRONG GIRL, AS LONG AS SHE'S GOT A CUTE FACE.
I VALUE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.
FWAH


SOMEONE WHO FOLLOWS HIS IDEALS, STEP BY STEP.
SOMEONE WHO KEEPS HAMMERING AWAY, HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES.
THAT'S THE SORT OF MAN I'D FALL FOR.
WHAT A SHAME, MOZ—I'M JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU.
KOHAKU...
YOUR FACE IS THE ONLY CUTE THING ABOUT YOU.
WHOOSH


FWTISH
DOOM
EEEEK!!
THERE'VE BEEN PLENTY OF GIRLS...
...WHO'VE SEEN THE STATUE.
VERRRY BAD, YES...
THESE OLD BONES DON'T RELISH THE KILLING...
...BUT ALAS...


NOOOO!!
KOHAKU! HELP MEEEE...
YES! KOHAKU'S STILL HERE! I'M SAVED!
ULTI-MATE MOVE...
NOT-MY-PROBLEM!!
GINRO!
BEHIND Y—




GINRO!!


TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
THAT ATTACK PIERCED MULTIPLE ORGANS.
...
THERE'S NO COMING BACK FROM THIS.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
HAH! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY!
YOU WANT ME TO PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY SO YOU CAN DIE WITHOUT PAIN, RIGHT?
NO. THERE HAS TO BE SOME WAY TO...


THE MASTER'S A STATUE...
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE SOYUZ.
HE MIGHT BE HIS...
GINRO...
GREAT JOB...
...GETTING THAT INFORMA-TION!!


YEAH, WELL, I KNOW...
...THERE'S NO SAVING ME NOW.
BUT...I'M S'POSED TO BE A VILLAGE GUARD.
A WARRIOR, EVEN.
SO I HAD TO BE COOL...
...AT THE VERY END.
BYE...
...KINRO.
YOU'RE RIGHT, GINRO. YOU'RE BEYOND HELP...
...SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO!!
KOHAKU!
GINRO ...
!!


LISTEN TO ME, EVERYONE!!
TMP TMP TMP


YOUR MASTER IS ACTUALLY...
BAM
WE MUSTN'T BE DECEIVED BY THAT VILLAIN'S FALSEHOODS!
THE MASTER'S SPECIAL POWER IS ABOUT TO STRIKE...
...SO COVER YOUR EYES NOW, OR ELSE BE TURNED TO STONE!!
...
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WITNESSING IT FIRSTHAND.
HE JUST DOESN'T WANT THEM TO SEE THE PETRIFI-CATION WEAPON...



OH. HEH...
I GET IT.
YOU WANT THEM TO USE THE WEAPON...
NOBODY CAN BEAT YOUR BATTLE INSTINCTS, KOHAKU.
THAT'S RIGHT. BEFORE YOUR LIFE FADES...
...WE'LL GET THEM TO PETRIFY US.
HEALING YOU WITH THE REVIVAL FLUID IS OUR ONLY OPTION!


WE'RE FINALLY...
...SEEING THE WEAPON.
IT'S...
...KINDA PRETTY.
I CAN REALLY SEE IT WITH MY VISION.
MEDUSA'S TRUE FACE.
IT'S JUST LIKE SENKU THOUGHT.
IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF MAGIC OR CURSE WITHOUT RULES.
THIS MEDUSA...
...IS BASED ON SCIENCE!

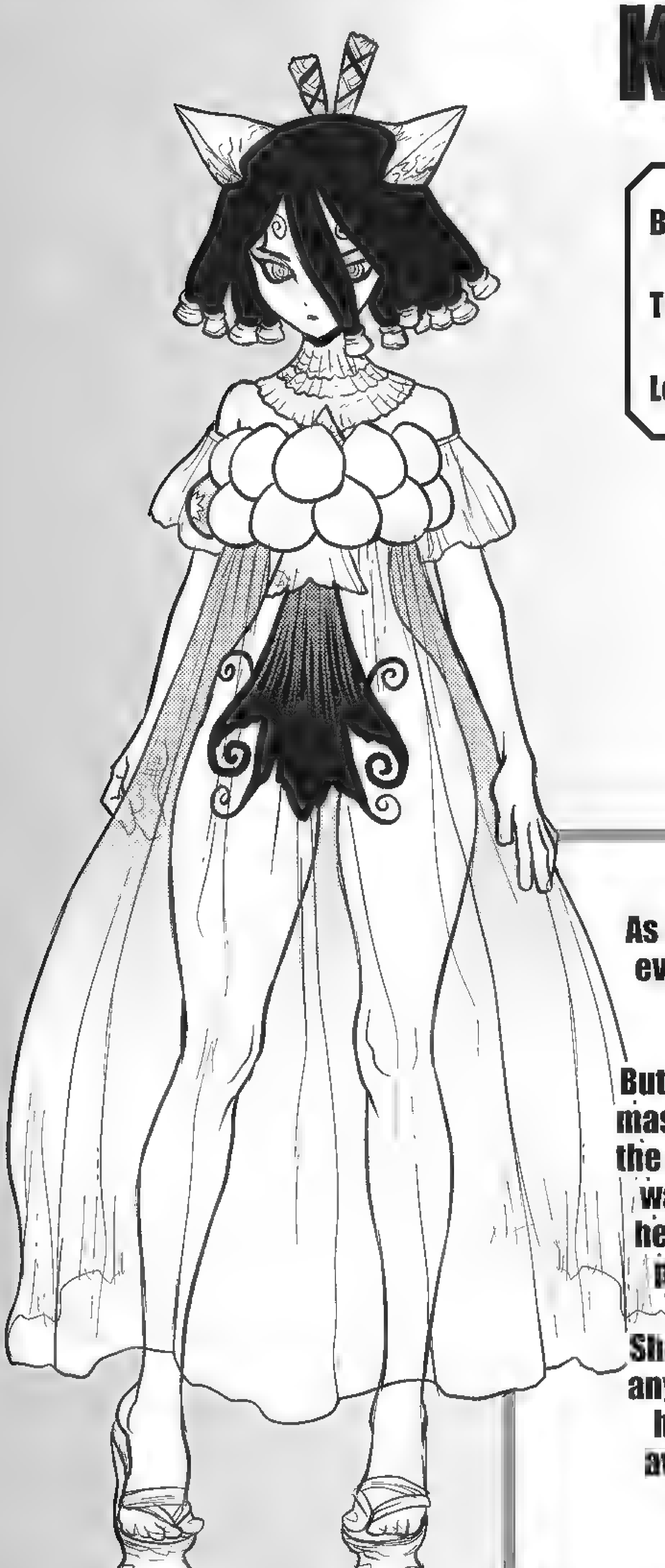



IF WE FIGHT BACK WITH SCIENCE...
...WE CAN'T LOSE.
IT'S UP TO YOU, AMARYLLIS.
YOU HAVE TO TELL THE OTHERS ABOUT THE SECRETS OUR INFILTRATION TEAM UNCOVERED...
FWOOOM


NOW WE WAIT...
YEAH.
...AND TRUST IN THEM AND THEIR SCIENCE!!
WE'LL BE FINE!!

Petrification Kingdom

VIP FILE 3



Kirisame

Battle Ability:	★★★★
Throwing Arm:	★★★★★
Love Prowess:	★

Height: 164 cm

Job: Special Forces (Petrifier)

As a girl, Kirisame believed—like everyone else—that the master could petrify others.

But one day, Ibara told her that the master decided to entrust her with the petrification weapon. Kirisame was shocked, but she accepted her duty and became devoted to polishing her throwing skills.

She hasn't revealed the secret to anyone—not even those close to her. That's why she purposely avoids romantic relationships, vowing to be single forever.


Z=122: Brain-Battle Puzzle Pieces
EWAHHHH
WOOO! YUZURIHA !!
Yuzuriha, revived!!
A HANDSHAKE IS THE POLITE WAY TO GREET A CLOSE FRIEND, YES INDEED!!
YOU'RE AS BAD AS A MIDDLE SCHOOLER PULLING THE OL' HOVER HAND.
*HOVER HAND: WHEN SOMEONE AWKWARDLY HOLDS THEIR HAND OVER A SHOULDER TO AVOID ACTUALLY TOUCHING SOMEONE.

ZABAM
BAMBAM
I-I THINK THESE ARE PIECES OF CHROME...
ANTASTIC-FAY. MAZING-AY...
HANDICRAFT SKILLS AND SUPER MEMORY COMBINE TO SOLVE THESE JIGSAW PUZZLES TWICE AS FAST.
FWAHHHH
Chrome, revived!!
BAAAAD!!
SO THAT'S HOW IT FEELS GETTING PETRIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME!
OH? THE SAME AS KASEKI'S REACTION.
OHO HO! CHROME AND I ARE ONE AND THE SAME.
We're the crafting duo round here.
THAT SAID, HOPE YOU'RE READY, CUZ THE CRAFTING DUO'S GOT WORK TO DO.
BADABAM
BAAAAD!!


ZABAM BAM BAM
WHRRRR
GREAT. OUR DRONE-MAKING TEAM IS IN BUSINESS.
SO IT'S ALMOST TIME TO WAGE OUR 3-D BATTLE!
IN WHICH CASE...
...WE DESIRE AN EXPERT WHEN IT COMES TO 3-D SPACE. AM I WRONG?!
FWAHHHHH
Ukyo's favorite hat, re-created with paper
Ukyo, revived!!
YAY!!
I SUPPOSE AT THIS POINT, WE NEED...
...INTEL ON THE ENEMY.
HEH HEH HEH... WE'VE GOT IT COVERED. KOHAKU AND GINRO SNUCK INTO THE ENEMY BASE, SO...
HA HA! OF COURSE THAT'S THE FIRST THING OUT OF OUR SONAR MAN'S MOUTH.


WAIT. SOME-ONE'S...
...SWIMMING TOWARD US...
!!
EVERY-ONE!
SPLOOSH
KOHAKU...
...AND GINRO, THEY'RE...


FWOOOOM




KOHAKU AND GINRO'S SACRIFICE...
...IS GIVING ME THIS CHANCE TO ESCAPE!!
NOW! WHILE THEY'RE ALL COVERING THEIR EYES!


!
SO SOYUZ...
...IS RELATED TO THE MASTER OR SOMETHING ...?
...
BUT THAT WAS JUST GINRO'S OPINION.
WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED.
BUT WHAT I REALLY WANNA KNOW IS HOW THESE GUYS ARE ORGANIZED AND WHAT'S IN THEIR ARSENAL!
E=mc²


...WE'LL WAGE A BRAIN BATTLE...
WITH JUST THESE LITTLE, FRAGMENTED PIECES OF INFO...
...AND REVEAL A PATH TO VICTORY!!
HEH HEH HEH... AMAZING WORK, AMARYLLIS.
...CUZ NOW WE KNOW THE BIGGEST SECRET OF ALL.
THE SPY TEAM'S EFFORTS ARE ABOUT TO PAY OFF...
THIS IS SO COOL.
IT'S LIKE KOHAKU SAID.
WE'VE GOT THE FIVE WISE COMMANDERS AND THEIR BIG BRAINS ALL IN ONE PLACE!!
HA HA HA! IT'S A MEETING OF THE KINGDOM OF SCIENCE'S TOP MINDS!!


THE ENEMY POSSESSES ...
...ONE PETRIFICATION WEAPON!
ONLY ONE!!
HMPH! I GET IT. THAT'S THE MOST CRITICAL INTEL!!
WELL, IT'S NOT CERTAIN YET, BUT...
...IT'S A DECENT WORKING THEORY.
YES, YES, OF COURSE. GOING OFF OF DEAR IBARA'S PSYCHOLOGY.
...
...??
WAIT! HOW DO WE EVEN KNOW THAT? EVERYONE'S JUST NODDING AND AGREEING LIKE IT'S OBVIOUS!
IS IT THAT EASY TO FIGURE OUT? JUST FROM WHAT I TOLD YOU...?
IF SENKU SAYS SO, IT'S GOTTA BE TRUE!
TAIJU'S LEARNED TO ACCEPT THESE THINGS WITH A SMILE.
DON'T GET IT? THEN LISTEN UP, PEOPLE!!
SNAP
THIS IS LIKE A PUZZLE, COBBLED TOGETHER PAINSTAKINGLY FROM LITTLE BITS OF INTEL.



YOU SAW HOW SOYUZ AND YUZURIHA TEAMED UP TO ASSEMBLE THE STONE PUZZLES FASTER, RIGHT?
BUT SOMETIMES, WE NEED ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE.
SOMEONE WITH FLASHES OF INSIGHT WHO SEES THINGS FROM ANOTHER ANGLE, LIKE CHROME!
YOU DON'T GOTTA SOUND SO SMUG ABOUT IT, BUT SURE!
I'M UP FOR THE JOB!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
FIRST OFF, THIS MASTER GUY DOESN'T ACTUALLY HAVE THE WEAPON.
CUZ HE'S A STATUE.
SO I GUESS THE REAL MASTERMIND, IBARA, IS HOLDING ON TO IT.
YES, IBARA IS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS, SO HE MUST BE—
MAY I INTER-JECT? ♫
DEAR IBARA IS THE TYPE TO KEEP PLENTY OF INSURANCE, METAPHORICALLY SPEAKING.
BECAUSE, IN A MAJOR CRISIS WHERE THEY NEED TO PETRIFY AN INVADER IMMEDIATELY...
...WOULDN'T HE PREFER TO HAVE OPTIONS?
IF A SECOND PETRIFICATION WEAPON EXISTED, WE CAN BE SURE HE WOULD KEEP IT ON HIS PERSON.
So either he could throw it..
...or have Kirisame do it.


...
THAT'S RIGHT!
ALL THAT, FROM SUCH A SMALL CLUE...
MEANING... THERE'S ONLY ONE WEAPON!!
THAT SOUNDS SUPER COMPLICATED, BUT THE CONCLUSION IS ROCK-SOLID!!
HEH HEH HEH... THE THROWER RUNS THE RISK OF PETRIFICATION, SO...
...CAUTIOUS OLD IBARA HAS KIRISAME DO THE DEED.
WHAT A ROTTEN, NASTY GEEZER!
THERE'S ...
...ONE MORE CRITICAL THING TO CONFIRM...
...ABOUT THE 3-D SPACE IN QUESTION.
WHEN KIRISAME TOSSED THE WEAPON ...
...IT ACTIVATED ABOVE KOHAKU AND GINRO...
...RIGHT?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT...
OF COURSE. SO KIRISAME ...
...PURPOSELY AVOIDED CATCHING THE MASTER IN THE WEAPON'S RADIUS...
YUP, THAT'S DEFINITELY A KEY PIECE TO THIS PUZZLE.
KIRISAME...
...DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE MASTER'S A STATUE!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH


MM... WELL DONE, WORKING THAT OUT.
MO...
MOZ !!
!!!
EVEN I...
...DIDN'T HEAR HIM COMING!
BABAM


WHAM
SLAM


TAIJU!!
BABAM
YOU SURE CAN TAKE A BEATING.
BUT STALLING WON'T SAVE YOU.
UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME OTHER PLAN?
RIGHT. STALLING.
TAIJU'S GIVEN ME A FEW SECONDS...
THAT'S CRITICAL RIGHT NOW.
...TO THINK, THINK, THINK!!
AS SOMEONE WHO DESIRES THE STRENGTH OF OTHERS...
...I CAN TELL WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM, EVEN COMBINED.
THIS IS BEYOND DIRE. IT'S CHECK AND MATE UNLESS THERE'S SOME CARD WE CAN PLAY...
MAYBE AT LEAST...
...ONE OF US CAN ESCAPE AND SURVIVE...


I'M SO SORRY, EVERYONE.
I MUST HAVE LED HIM RIGHT TO US...
I'VE BEEN EXPLORING AND ADVENTURING SINCE I WAS LITTLE, SO...
...I KNOW PAINFULLY WELL...
...HOW TOUGH IT IS TO GO AROUND SEARCHING FOR STUFF AT NIGHT.
WHY GO TO ALL THAT BAAAAD TROUBLE...
...OF TAILING AMARYLLIS, INSTEAD OF JUST KILLING HER...?
DID MOZ...
...REALIZE THAT AMARYLLIS AND OUR PALS WERE SPIES?
WHEN KOHAKU REVEALED HERSELF, NATURALLY MOZ WOULD REALIZE THAT HER FRIENDS WERE ALSO—
THANK YOU FOR THE BRILLIANT DEDUCTION, CAPTAIN OBVIOUS.
WAIT. IN THAT CASE...
GINRO'S COVER...
...WAS ALSO BLOWN AT THAT POINT.
DESPITE THAT KEY INFO IN HAND...
...MOZ DIDN'T INFORM IBARA.

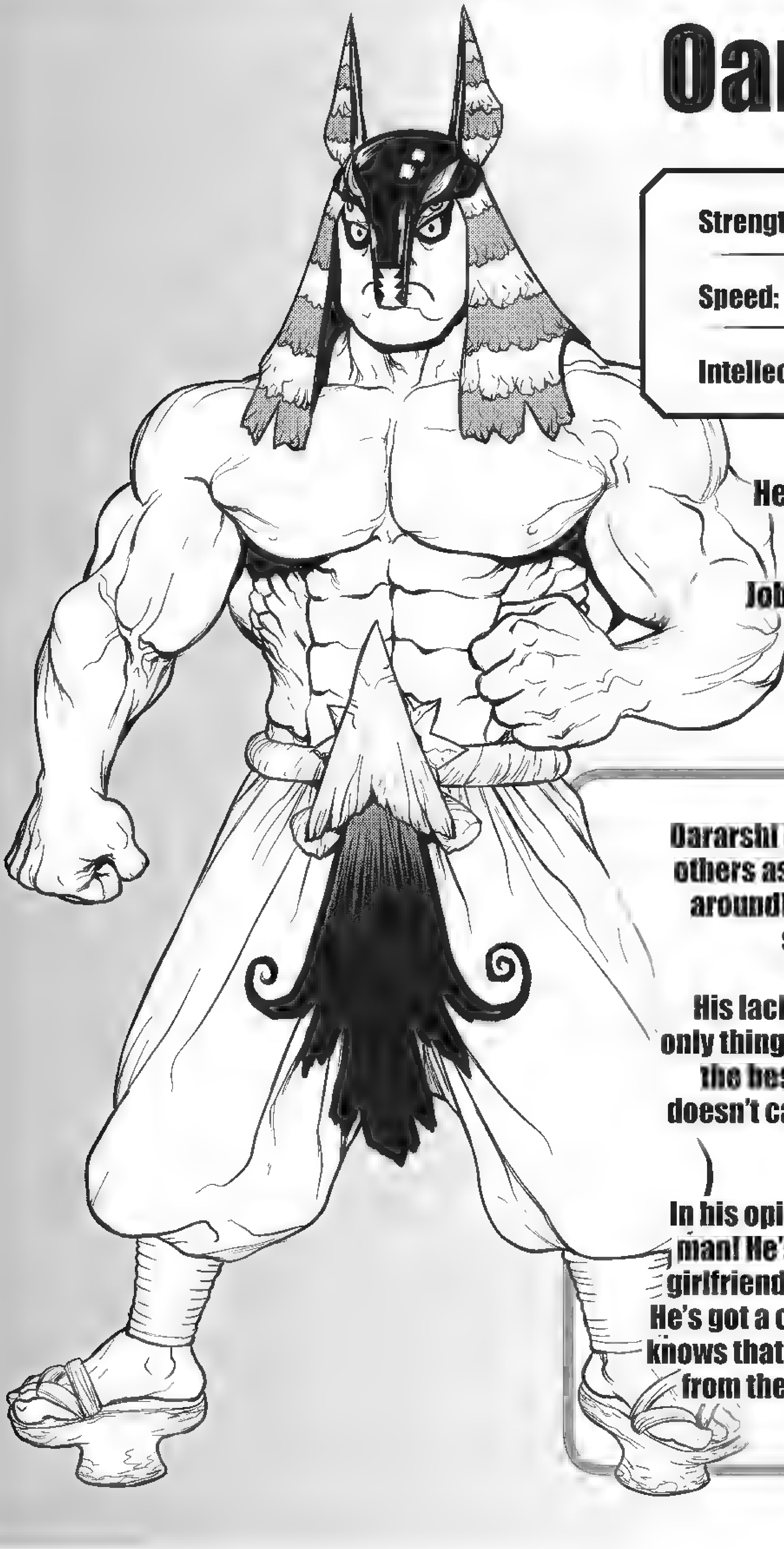

HE LET IBARA WALK OFF WITH AN INVADER ALONE.
MOZ KNEW HOW RISKY THAT WAS...
...BUT HE KEPT IT TO HIMSELF ALL THE SAME.
FWOOOSH
MEANING...


MOZ DOESN'T CARE...
...IF IBARA DIES!
HE MIGHT'VE EVEN BEEN PLANNING TO KILL IBARA!!
HEH HEH HEH... COMBINING ALL THESE BRAIN-BATTLE PUZZLE PIECES...
...IS SLOWLY BUT SURELY GIVING US THE COMPLETE PICTURE...
...ABOUT THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE PETRIFICATION KINGDOM!!
THIS IS OUR ONE CHANCE FOR SOMEONE TO BRING IT ALL CRUMBLING DOWN...
SOMEONE, SOMEONE...
OH. RIGHT. ME.


SPLISH
SPLISH
NOW, NOW, JUST A MOMENT! AN ITTY-BITTY MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, DEAR MOZ. ♪
I HAVE A PROPOSITION POSSIBLY TO YOUR LIKING!!
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO TEAMING UP...
...WITH OUR KINGDOM OF SCIENCE?
DOES THAT IDEA GET YOU EXCITED?
MOZ VS GEN

Petrification Kingdom

VIP FILE 4



Oarashi

Strength:	★★★★★
Speed:	★★★★
Intellect:	★★

Height: 183 cm


Job: Raid Captain

Oararshi is known to himself and others as the most powerful guy around! His burly body is also super speedy!!

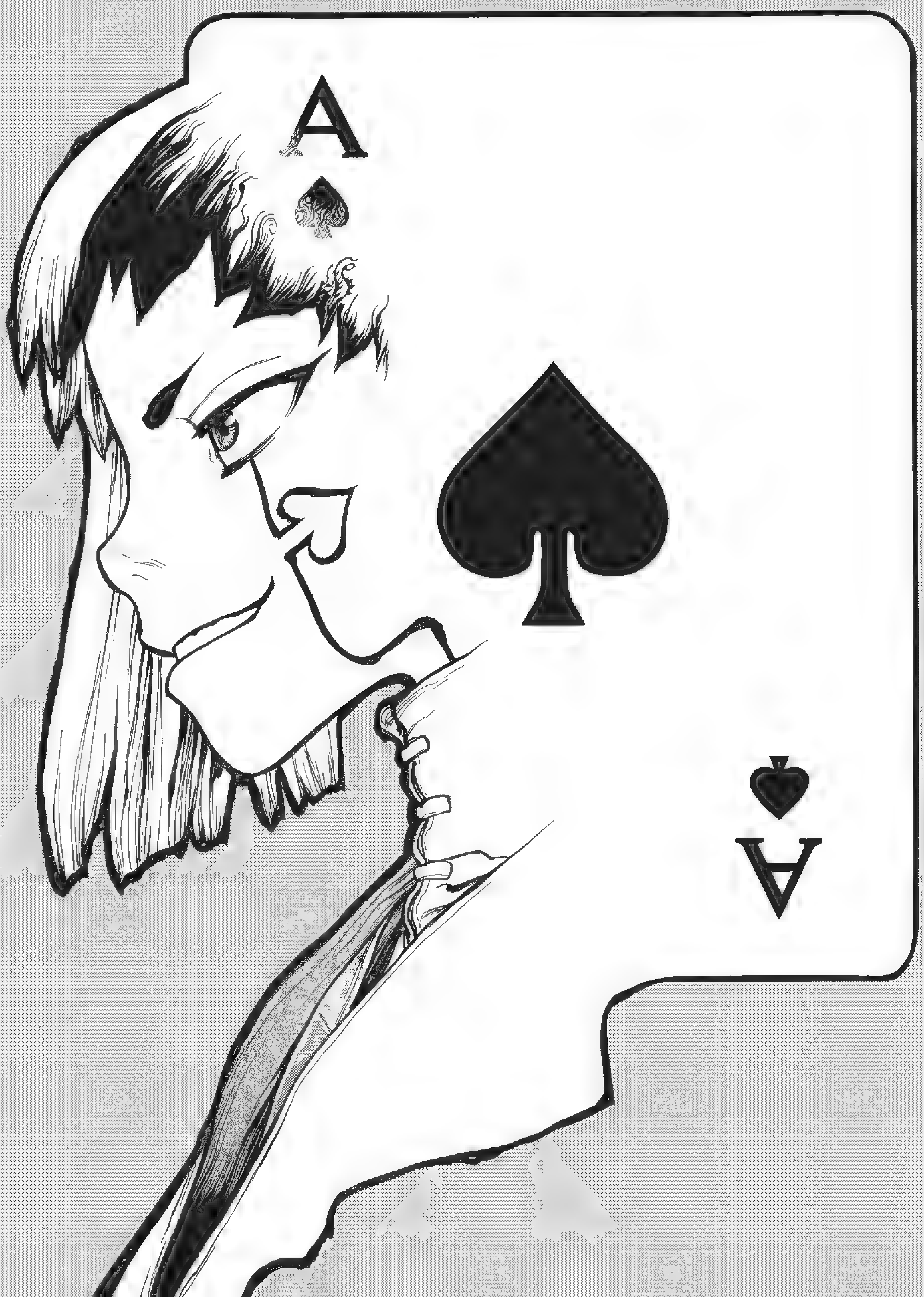
His lack of intelligence is the only thing keeping him from being the best warrior, but Oarashi doesn't care! He even takes pride in that fact.

In his opinion, muscles make the man! He's currently recruiting a girlfriend who understands that!! He's got a crush on Amaryllis, but he knows that anyone who tries to steal from the harem gets petrified...


FWAHH
KCHK
MY DEAR MOZ... WELCOME TO...
...OUR KINGDOM OF SCI— I MEAN, SORCERY!
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO TEAMING UP? DOES THAT IDEA GET YOU EXCITED?
Z=123: Brain-Battle Gambit
VWOOM


...
HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR SORCERY BIRD?!
WE CAN MAKE IT FLY ABOUT WHEREVER WE DESIRE!
WITH ONE FELL SWOOP...
...WE COULD SNAG KIRISAME'S PETRIFICATION WEAPON FROM THE AIR! ♫
WHAK
WHAK
HEH HEH HEH... WHEREVER WE DESIRE? THERE'S FIBBING, AND THEN THERE'S WHAT YOU DO, GEN.
OUR LITTLE MOTORIZED BAMBOO-COPTER ISN'T EVEN STABILIZED YET.
GIVE ME A BREAK, DEAR SENKU.
MAKING A WEAK CARD OUT TO BE THE ACE OF SPADES...
...IS MY OPENING MOVE...
...IN THIS GAMBIT!

Z=123: Brain-Battle Gambit




IF THIS TURNS INTO A BATTLE AGAINST MOZ...
...HE'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF US.
HA HA! BUT THINK ABOUT IT!
IF WE PLAY OUR CARDS RIGHT, THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET AHOLD OF THE STRONGEST DUDE IN THE DECK!!
HEH HEH HEH... WE'RE BETTING THE FARM...
...ON YOUR SMOOTH TALKING.
C'MON, GET IT DONE, GEN!!


DEAR MOZ, IF YOU CHOOSE TO ALLY YOURSELF WITH US...
...YOU COULD END UP RULING THIS ENTIRE ISLAND, INCLUDING THE HAREM! ♪
WHOA! WHEN DID GEN SNEAK OVER THERE?!
WELL? HOW ABOUT IT?
Mentalist Gen's
Mind Manipulation Technique (1)
THIS IS A RATHER WELL-KNOWN MOVE!
RATHER THAN FACING EACH OTHER, FACING IN THE SAME DIRECTION FOSTERS A SENSE OF SOLIDARITY.
WHEN TRYING TO WIN SOMEONE OVER, ALWAYS CHOOSE COUNTER SEATING OVER A TABLE. ♫
GOT IT. SO WHEN MOZ GLANCED UP AT THE DRONE...
...THAT OPENING MOVE...
...ALLOWED HIM TO SNEAK OVER THERE.
JOB WELL DONE, MENTALIST!
I MEAN, SINCE YOU'RE SO AMAZINGLY STRONG...
EVEN IF IBARA AND ALL HIS SOLDIERS COMBINED THEIR MIGHT...
...YOU'D STILL BE 1.5 TIMES AS STRONG AS THEM. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
NO. YOU'RE STILL UNDER-ESTIMATING HIM...


SO THIS GUY'S STRENGTH IS OTHER-WORLDLY!
I DESIRE HIM!!
OHH? IF YOU'RE SO RIDICULOUSLY POWERFUL...
...THEN YOU'D HAVE NO TROUBLE AT ALL BRINGING DOWN DEAR IBARA, IF YOU SO DESIRE...
BLAB BLAB
BLAB BLAB
Mentalist Gen's Mind Manipulation Technique (2)
OFFER A COMMENT OR CLAIM THAT'S ONLY SLIGHTLY OFF.
?
YOUR PARTNER WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO MAKE THE CORRECTION!
THEY WERE UNWILLING TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION BEFORE, BUT NOW YOU'VE GOT THEM TALKING. ♫
...
MM... THE GAP'S BIGGER THAN YOU THINK.
...
WHY DO I FEEL...
...LIKE HE'S SEEN THROUGH MY EVERY PLAY?


SHOULD I SLAUGHTER ALL OF YOU?
OR KILL IBARA INSTEAD?
HM... THAT'S THE QUESTION, ISN'T IT?



WELL, SINCE I COULD KILL YOU AT ANY TIME...
...THERE'S NO HARM IN EXPLAINING.
AS YOU ALL GUESSED...
...THE MASTER-MIND WHO PETRIFIED THE MASTER...
...WAS IBARA.
HE PLAYED HIS ROLE WELL, AND I APPLAUD HIS EFFORTS.
BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE OLD MAN TO GIVE IT UP AND DIE.
BESIDES, THE GIRLS SHOULD BE THRILLED TO HAVE ME TAKE OVER THE HAREM.
HEH HEH HEH... THEN WHY NOT MURDER THE GEEZER AND BE DONE WITH IT?
OH, I WOULD'VE ALREADY, IF NOT FOR THAT WEAPON.
YOU SEE, KIRISAME'S HOLDING ON TO IT, AND SHE'S NO WEAKLING.



I COULD BEAT HER IN A FAIR FIGHT, BUT SINCE I HAVE NO WAY TO GUARD AGAINST THE PETRIFYING FLASH, SHE'S GOT THE UPPER HAND.
MEANING...
IF YOU WERE TO ATTACK MINISTER IBARA...
...KIRISAME WOULD COME AT YOU WITH THE WEAPON SINCE SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE TRUTH.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU REVEALED THAT TRUTH TO EVERYONE...
...YOU'D LOSE THE EASY ACCESS TO THE HAREM YOU CURRENTLY ENJOY.
QUITE THE PREDICAMENT.
Just as Ibara wants it.
HMPH! SO THAT GEEZER'S A SCHEMER, NOT JUST AN OLD FOOL!
TH-THIS GOT TOO COMPLICATED. I'M LOST.
LEMME PUT IT SIMPLY SO EVEN AN OAF COULD UNDERSTAND.


THE PETRIFICATION THREAT IS AN OBSTACLE IN YOUR PATH, MOZ.
AND WE WANT TO GET OUR HANDS ON THE WEAPON.
SPLASH
SPLASH
SEEMS TO ME OUR INTERESTS ARE TEN BILLION PERCENT ALIGNED.
ZWOOP
YUP, YUP, THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT WE REALLY, REALLY WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING IS THE WEAPON ITSELF! ♫


A GOOD DEAL SHOULD BE FAIR AND EQUAL, YES?
FOR YOUR PART, MOZ, YOU JUST WANT CONTROL OF THE ISLAND AND THE HAREM. THAT'S ENOUGH, RIGHT? ♪
SPLISH
SPLISH
WE'RE HAPPY TO USE OUR SORCERY TO LEND A HAND, ON ONE CONDITION.
GIVE US THE PETRIFICATION WEAPON! I DEMAND IT!!
THAT PART IS ABSOLUTELY NON-NEGOTIABLE!!
SO PUSHY!
THAT'S NOT HOW YOU WIN SOMEONE OVER...
KEH KEH KEH KEH
THAT'S ONLY GONNA MAKE MOZ DIG HIS HEELS IN.
FAIR AND EQUAL?
WHY SHOULD I HONOR YOUR CONDITION?
I'M THE MIGHTIEST ONE HERE, SO I SET THE TERMS.


YOU WILL PUT YOUR SORCERY TO WORK FOR ME...
...AND THEN GIVE ME THE WEAPON!
!!!!
BUUUT THAT'S NOT FAIR. BE EASONABLE-RAY...
WHAT'D HE EXPECT ?!
I'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS LITTLE HIDEOUT OF YOURS FROM AFAR.
SO YOU REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY ME.


OF COURSE, GEN KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...HE SWITCHED TRACKS COM-PLETELY!
YEP. THE ORIGINAL TOPIC UP FOR DEBATE WAS...
...IF MOZ SHOULD KILL US OR NOT.
Mentalist Gen's
Mind Manipulation Technique (3)
IN PSYCHOLOGY, THIS IS CALLED "REACTANCE."
WHEN SOMEONE FEELS COERCED AND IS TOLD TO DO THIS AND THAT...
...THEY'LL INSTINCTIVELY REAFFIRM THEIR RIGHT TO DECIDE.
NO!
YOU EFFECTIVELY FORCE THEM TO REFUSE YOU.
MOZ WAS SO DETERMINED NOT TO LET THIS SMOOTH TALKER GET HIS WAY...
...THAT THROUGH REACTANCE...
...GEN MOVED THE GOALPOSTS...
...AND GOT AN UNWITTING MOZ TO AGREE TO TEAM UP WITH US!!
JOKER
Plastic Coater


THE KEY TO WINNING A GAMBIT...
...ISN'T TO BEAT DOWN YOUR OPPONENT.
INSTEAD, WHAT I MANAGED HERE...
...WAS TO PAVE A DECEPTIVE, FLOWERY PATH FORWARD!!


SPLASH
SPLASH
IS HE GONE?
YES. HE'S GONE...
GAHHHHH
E=MC


HA HA! IT SEEMS TO ME...
...THAT WE JUST ACQUIRED THE MIGHTIEST FORCE ON THE ISLAND! AM I WRONG?!
HEH HEH HEH... THERE'S NO DOUBT...
...THAT HE'S PLANNING TO MURDER US WHEN THIS IS DONE.
THINKING ABOUT THAT COMES LATER!
YES. INDEED.
NOW, LET'S GET SOME REST...
Moz has joined the party (for now)!!



THINKING THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO FIGHT BACK, THEY'LL RESORT TO USING THE WEAPON. ♪
OUR KINGDOM OF SCIENCE IS SORELY LACKING IN NUMBERS.
THE ONLY WAY TO WIN IS WITH A SUDDEN, BRUTAL SHOW OF POWER.
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, MOZ.
YOU'LL CONVINCE 'EM WE'RE NOT TO BE MESSED WITH!!
RIGHT. SO...



UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, I'LL PLAY THE PART...
...OF AN INVADER.
BUT DON'T KILL 'EM.
WE NEED 'EM ALIVE TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT HOW STRONG WE ARE!!
THESE DASTARDLY SCHEMES GET THEM A LITTLE TOO EXCITED.
ALREADY DONE.
OH, RIGHT. THEY'RE NOT HEARING MY VOICE.
WHAT A BOTHER, THIS SORCERY STUFF.


MECHA SENKU
Q&A
SEARCH
Question Corner
POP
Nice to meet you!!
How does Suika fit inside the watermelon rind like that?
A.N. from Hyogo Prefecture
SEARCH
It isn't that her body ceases to exist. If you look closely, you can see that she's crouching and curled up within!
It seems that Suika has literally reinvented the wheel all on her own! She's already doing science!!
Dr.STONE


THE MYSTERIOUS SCIENCE TECH...
...THAT TURNED HUMANITY TO STONE...
...IS OURS TO TAKE ONCE WE PROVOKE THE ENEMY INTO USING IT!!
Z=124: Invention of Gods and Devils
FOR NOW, AT LEAST...
...WE'LL TEAM UP WITH THE MIGHTY MOZ!
SO GO ON—PLAY THE PART OF AN INVADER...
...AND BEAT THE ENEMY SOLDIERS HALF TO DEATH!





ARGHHH!!
THIS HOODED WARRIOR WAS BEYOND STRONG!
EVEN THE GREAT DARASHI'S MIRACLE POWER WAS NOTHING AGAINST HIM! HE'S GOTTA BE ON MOZ'S LEVEL!!
GAHHHHH!!
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S LITERALLY ME.
THAT MORON'S INSTINCTS ARE BETTER THAN HE REALIZES.
TARGET A STRONG BRAGGART.
HE'LL EXAGGERATE HIS TALE TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK BETTER.
...



OUR SNEAKY STRATEGY IS SIMPLE!
THE MIGHTY HOODED PHANTOM...
...WILL SCARE THE PANTS OFF THE ENEMY WITH HIS AWESOME STRENGTH.
1
BEFORE THE MIDAIR BATTLE BEGINS, WE'LL FIND A CLEAR AREA TO SECRETLY PLANT OUR DRONE!
2
Doom! Doom!
OH. THE HOODED ARMY IS ATTACKING...
...RIGHT OVER THERE!
3
I'D BETTER...
...TURN THEM ALL TO STONE!!
FWISH
4
THAT'S ASSUMING THIS ALL GOES THAT SMOOTHLY, RIGHT?
BUT WITH YOUR LUCK, DEAR SENKU, WHEN HAS A PLAN EVER GONE ACCORDING TO, WELL, PLAN?
HEH HEH HEH... WE HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS.
SPLASH
HMPH! I'M SURE YOU ALREADY THOUGHT OF THIS, BUT THERE'S ONE BIG PROBLEM.
SPLASH
MOZ.
HE'S BOUND TO BE AT THE SITE OF THE DECISIVE BATTLE. AM I WRONG?


IF THIS HOODED WARRIOR...
...IS AS FIERCE AS OARASHI CLAIMS...
...KIRISAME AND I WILL HAVE TO FACE HIM.
OOH!
REALLY ?!
MOZ AND KIRISAME? NOBODY CAN BEAT...
...THE INVINCIBLE DUO!!
...
AND THEN...
THE MOMENT...
...OUR DRONE GRABS THE WEAPON OUT OF THE SKY...
...MOZ WILL SLAUGHTER US ALL...
...AND STEAL IT BACK FOR HIMSELF!!


KRRZ
KRRZ
THAT'S WHY I'M COOKING UP AN ANTI-MOZ PLAN.
KRRRZ
KRRRZ
MY ADORABLE GLASS-BLOWING IRON PIPE...
...GETTING CHOPPED UP FOR PARTS...
OHO... WHAT A SHAME.
WE TAKE THESE SIX MACARONI-SHAPED BITS...
...AND STICK 'EM INTO A WHEEL—LIKE THIS!
IT SPINS AROUND AND AROUND!
A FIDGET SPINNER?!
Again?!
SINCE WE WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF RE-CREATING 'EM, WHY NOT PUT 'EM TO USE FOR SOMETHING ELSE?
I CRAFTED ALL THESE PARTS JUST LIKE YOU SAID, BUT WHAT'S IT ALL FOR?
I'm itching to get back to the drone work.
AN ANTI-MOZ PLAN? I WAS IMAGINING SOME SORTA BAAAAD WEAPON...
The baddest weapon Chrome could imagine!




LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE FROM THE GOOD OL' DAYS KNOWS WHAT IT IS...
GUH...
...WHAT I THINK IT IS...?
OH, WAIT. IS THAT...
WE TAKE GUNPOWDER MADE FROM NITRIC ACID...
...AND STUFF IT INTO THESE LITTLE PIPES.
FSSH
THEN, A PACHINKO BALL PLUGS THE HOLE.
TOK TOK
TOK
IT'S THE STUFF INSIDE THAT GETS MORE COMPLEX.
THERE'VE EVEN BEEN INCIDENTS WHERE PRISONERS...
...MADE SOME, D.I.Y. STYLE, WITH WHATEVER WAS LYING AROUND!
THE STRUCTURE'S NOT ALL TOO COMPLICATED.



SO WHEN THE GUNPOWDER INSIDE GOES BOOM...
...THE BALL GOES ZOOM.
I ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND THIS FOR A CHANGE. IT'S NOT COMPLICATED AT ALL.
YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT WHAT'S IGNITING THE GUNPOWDER IN OUR MATCH-LOCK?
EEK! NOW WE'RE BACK TO RULY-TAY INCOMPRE-HENSIBLE JARGON.
THAT IGNITION REQUIRES A DETONATOR, SO...
I TAKE BACK EVERY-THING I SAID.
...WE'LL USE A MERCURY-BASED DETONATOR.
GETTING EVEN ONE STEP WRONG COULD BLOW UP IN YOUR FACE, SO I GOTTA BE THE ONE TO DO THIS.
MIX TOGETHER NITRIC ACID, MERCURY AND ALCOHOL...
...LET IT DRY AND YOU'RE DONE!!
Done!
Foil



CHK
HIT
KABOOM
WAY BACK AT THE START...
...SENKU, YUZURIHA AND I...
...SET OUT FOR HAKONE CUZ WE HAD TO RESORT TO THIS...
THAT WAS YEARS AGO.
ABOUT THREE YEARS, YEAH.
IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD, BUT HUMANITY'S FINALLY BACK TO THIS POINT.
HEH HEH HEH... AND I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO HELL FOR THIS!!
WHETHER MAN, WOMAN, YOUNG OR OLD...
...THIS THING LET *HOMO SAPIENS* CONQUER THE NATURAL WORLD.
AN INVENTION OF GODS AND DEVILS...




THERE'S NOTHING DIVINE OR DEVILISH ABOUT A TOOL LIKE THIS.
IT'S PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE HOW TO USE IT.
SORRY, EVERYONE.
I KNOW YOU'LL TELL ME TO SHUT UP WITH MY PLATITUDES ...
BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY...
...I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE DIE.
SO IF AT ALL POSSIBLE ...
PLATITUDES?
HA HA! NOT AT ALL, UKYO!
THAT PACIFISM IS NO MERE LIP SERVICE, AND IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN JUST ETHICS.
ONCE PEOPLE START DYING, THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN HOLD THAT GRUDGE FOREVER.
THE ENEMY COULD GET THEIR HANDS ON IT, SO ALL THE MORE REASON NOT TO KILL.
IT'S ONLY LOGICAL!!


LIKE THIS COULD KILL ANYONE... IT'S SO SLAPDASH, THERE ISN'T EVEN RIFLING IN THE BARREL.
GIVEN ITS LOW POWER AND ACCURACY, THINK OF IT MORE LIKE A GOOD LUCK CHARM, FOR PEACE OF MIND.
BEST CASE, IT'LL SERVE AS A TRANQUILIZER GUN!
OH? YOU HAVE TRANQUILIZER ROUNDS?
EVEN IF WE GOTTA TRIP SOMEONE UP WITH THIS PEASHOOTER...
...ONCE WE STEAL THE PETRIFICATION WEAPON, WE CAN TURN 'EM TO STONE AND REVIVE THEM INSTANTLY AND FULLY HEALED.
NO DIFFERENT THAN A TRANQUILIZER, IN THAT SENSE!
UH... WELL, I GUESS THAT'S TRUE...
YOUR ALL-TOO-LOGICAL ARGUMENT HAS PUT YOU SQUARELY IN MAD SCIENTIST TERRITORY, DEAR SENKU.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY!
HMPH! I SEE YOU'VE MADE IT THE SIZE OF A HANDGUN...
...SO AS NOT TO AROUSE SUSPICIONS, BUT...
WHO WILL USE IT?
WIELDING A HANDGUN'S A TALL ORDER FOR SOMEONE INEXPERIENCED.
THERE'S BARELY ANYONE IN JAPAN WITH ANY EXPERIENCE.
OH.



HEH HEH HEH... WE'LL GIVE OUR GUN TO A FORMER COP.
NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THAT, RIGHT, UKYO?
NO WAY!
IT'S BAAAD NEWS GIVING SUCH A BAAAD WEAPON TO A BAAAD DUDE LIKE HIM!!
FWAHHHHHH
?
??
Yo, revived!!


L-LOOK AT HIS FACE...
SEE? THAT LOOK ALONE TELLS US HE'S A BAAAD GUY!
NOT NECESSARILY.
DEAR YO'S STRONG NEED FOR APPROVAL MAKES HIM THE IDEAL CANDIDATE.
IN A WAY, HE'LL BE EASIEST TO CONTROL.
YES, YOU'LL GO DOWN AS THE NEW WORLD'S FIRST SHERIFF!
HMPH! HMPH!
Forcing herself to blush


OOH... YOU AND THAT THING OF YOURS ARE SO COOL!!
HIS FACE!
WOO-HOO! YEAH, JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, FELLAS!
BACK WHEN I WAS A COP, ANY TROUBLEMAKERS I SPOTTED ON THE STREET HAD TO ANSWER TO MY LITTLE FRIEND!! BLAMMO!!
UH... THAT'S NOT INSPIRING.
YIKES!


KA
BLAM
KACHAK
KLIK
KACHK
KABLAM
KACHAK
KABLAM


...
LOOKS LIKE...
...HE MISSED THEM ALL...
WOW! SUCH SLOPPY SHOOTING, AFTER ALL THAT BRAGGING...
PWOP
Dead!
!!!
A VENOMOUS SNAKE!!
BAAAD SHOOTING! YOU MUST'VE SPOTTED THIS CRITTER BEFORE WE DID!!


HA HA! SO AT THE VERY LEAST...
...WE'RE NO LONGER THE HAPLESS SITTING DUCKS WE ONCE WERE.
AM I WRONG?!
KSHING
Firearm acquired!!
YEAHHHH!
NOT BAD AT ALL, YOU DIRTY COP!!
DON'T BLAB AND TELL 'EM YOU WERE ACTUALLY AIMING FOR THE BOTTLES.
GOTTA KEEP QUIET!
I'D BETTER GET PRACTICING!!